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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: U.S. VIEWS ON NOVEMBER 15,  
2007 IAEA DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT ON IRAN AND NEXT STEPS

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Classified By: CDA Robert P. Jackson for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) On November 16, Charge delivered reftel demarche to GOM MFA Secretary General Omar Hilale, along with a copy of the U.S. press release. Charge, accompanied by Polcouns and Poloff, added that Iran's cooperation with the IAEA had been selective, incomplete, and reactive. He noted that Iran had not suspended enrichment or heavy water-related activities and had neither implemented the Additional Protocol nor provided early information on new nuclear facilities. The USG hoped Morocco would speak out at the Board of Governors session on Iranian lack of compliance, particularly with UNSC resolutions. We believed additional sanctions were needed to pressure Iran to agree to a diplomatic solution.

¶2. (C) Hilale, Morocco's top interlocutor on the issue, underscored Morocco's strong relations with the U.S. He said that Morocco's position on Iran's nuclear activities was well known: Iran has the right to nuclear energy, but it must live up to its obligations. Hilale said that the GOM was supportive of the U.S. position on this issue and intimated that the GOM would be willing to make a statement in Vienna. At the same time, Hilale underscored his hope that the current impasse with Iran could be solved diplomatically and asked if sanctions against Iran were already a foregone conclusion. Hilale appeared satisfied with the Charge's response that a diplomatic solution would be the U.S.'s preferred outcome, with our 2006 offer still on the table. Iran could still avoid sanctions if it changed course. Polcouns added that P5 1 discussions were ongoing on additional UNSC sanctions; we may need Moroccan help as this progresses.

¶3. (C) In a meeting earlier in the day, Poloff delivered the demarche with background to MFA's Head of the United Nations Division Azzedine Farhane. Farhane also joined the meeting with Hilale.

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